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therein from the proximal end of the distal shaft section to the location proximal to the distal end of the catheter shaft; and

d) a dilatation balloon on the distal shaft section surrounding the location having an interior in fluid communication with the portion of the inflation lumen extending within the distal shaft section.

REMARKS

In a letter dated August 11, 1995, applicants submitted a proposed amended claim 16 after a telephone conversation with the Examiner. Subsequently, the Examiner indicated that the amended claim 16 did not appear to overcome the prior art. Applicants' counsel, in a telephone interview held on August 22, 1995, suggested that the term --therein-- be inserted in line 3, section b) of claim 16 after "extending", that the expression --within the distal shaft section-- be inserted in line 4 of section c) of claim 16 after the term "extending" and that the expression "in the replaceable distal shaft section" be deleted and that the term --therein-- be inserted. The above twice amended claim 16 includes the aforesaid changes.

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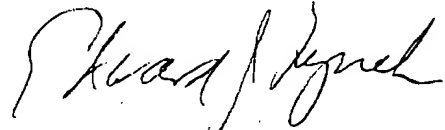
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The Examiner indicated in the telephone interview of August 22 that these changes would place claim 16 in allowable condition and that he would pass the application to issue.

The applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to counsel in this matter.

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